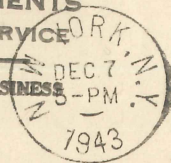
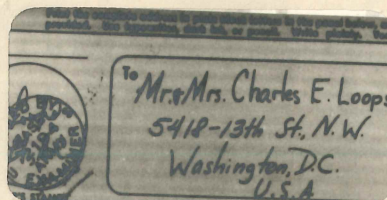


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Hello, Folks!

Another day has passed (Thursday) and I still haven't finished the "regular" regular letter I started on Sunday! - And I promised myself I would! Been awfully busy this week for some reason or other. I've spent a couple of days running a ferry ship, one day in town - and today when I was supposed to finish the letter I spent in making a stove for the inside of our tent. Had just about shot to the week, today doesn't it!

The freezing, trip - well, I'll wait and write of that in my other letter. I'll send the day in town. Our stove today, this is my best investment. Our nights have gotten so cold that the bed has been the only warm place. - So today, we got an old oil drum, some empty "span" cans, some tubing & gasoline - and thought we have a nice warm tent. Of course, we are expecting the tent to burn down momentarily, but that's beside the point! - At least we're warm for the time being! Our "span" comes in long cans - about 6 lbs to the can, so by putting the ends out and crinkling the edges we used that to fit together for our stove pipe! - Each can is about 18 inches long - as we didn't have to use but out 12 of them! - I'm a "Rube Goldberg" contraption - but I repeat - it keeps us warm so far!

Received the package of fudge from Peter but time to go - not much made it worthwhile! - Just when I had my heart set on it. However, a box of fudge purchased today, did much to restore my faith. They came then, well! Here about that letter, too. - Off to the press again tomorrow so better quit for now. Love & peace, always, Frank

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